

Remarks

Summary of Applicants' Reply

Applicants have amended claims 106, 116, 126 and 136 to more particularly define the invention. The claim amendments are fully supported by the originally filed specification, and no new matter has been added. For example, support for the claim amendments may be found at least on page 15, lines 6-14 of applicants' originally filed specification. The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants' Reply to the Prior Art Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 106-114, 116-124, 126-134 and 136-144 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Schein et al. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0196201 (hereinafter "Schein"). The Examiner rejected claims 115, 125, 135 and 145 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schein in view of Goldschmidt Iki et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,226,444 (hereinafter "Goldschmidt").

Applicants' amended independent claims 106, 116, 126 and 136 are directed to a method, systems and machine-readable media for providing a user with access to broadcast television programs and recorded programs stored on a digital storage device. Programs are recorded on the storage device, and a list of selectable options is provided to the user, where the list includes a first selectable option and a second selectable option. The first selectable option allows the user to access a list of selectable program listings having at least one selectable program listing for a broadcast television program and at least one selectable program listing for a recorded program stored on the digital storage device. The second selectable option allows the user to access a list of recorded programs stored on the digital storage device. A user selection of a recorded program from the list of selectable program listings is received, and the recorded program is played from the digital storage device in response.

Schein refers to indicating that a program within a program guide has been scheduled for recording by including a visual display (e.g., an icon) in a cell corresponding to the program (*see* paragraph 54). However, Schein does not show or suggest playing a program that has been scheduled for recording from a digital storage device when a user selects the program from the program guide. Instead, Schein discloses tuning to and displaying the

program from a received broadcast signal when a user selects the program from a program guide with listings of broadcast programs (*see, e.g.,* paragraph 50). Schein does not show or suggest responding to a program selection differently if that program has been scheduled for recording. Accordingly, Schein does not show or suggest playing a recorded program from a digital storage device in response to a user selecting the recorded program from a list of selectable program listings having at least one selectable program listing for a broadcast television program and at least one selectable program listing for a recorded program stored on the digital storage device, as required by amended independent claims 106, 116, 126 and 136.

In his rejection, the Examiner also relies on Young et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,353,121 (hereinafter "Young"), which is incorporated by reference in Schein. Young refers to indicating that a program has been selected for recording or has been recorded by changing the color of a cell within a program guide that corresponds to the recorded program (*see* col. 8, lines 21-31). However, Young does not show or suggest playing a recorded program from a digital storage device when a user selects such a program from the program guide. Rather, Young discloses tuning to and displaying a program from a received broadcast signal when a user selects the program from a program guide with listings of broadcast programs (*see* col. 22, lines 24-28). Young does not show or suggest a different response to a user selection if the selected program has been recorded. Additionally, Young discloses playing a program from a videotape recorder when a user selects the program from a directory that only lists recorded programs (*see* col. 19, lines 55-61). Nowhere does Young show or suggest playing a recorded program from a digital storage device in response to a user selecting the recorded program from a list of selectable program listings having at least one selectable program listing for a broadcast television program and at least one selectable program listing for a recorded program stored on the digital storage device, as required by amended independent claims 106, 116, 126 and 136.

The foregoing demonstrates that Schein does not anticipate all the elements of applicants' independent claims. For at least this reason, applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 106, 116, 126 and 136 are allowable. Claims 107-115, 117-125, 127-135 and 137-145 are also allowable at least because they depend from allowable claims 106, 116, 126 and 136. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the rejections of claims 106-145 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

The foregoing demonstrates that claims 106-145 are allowable. This application is therefore in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are accordingly respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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